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SECRETARY NYE'S REMARKS ON U.S. NONPROLIFERATION POLICY

REF: MADRID 4019

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1. SECTION OF THE SUBJECT INTERVIEW PERTAINING TO SPAIN
FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE, Q: UNDER THE NEW LAW, THERE WILL
COME A POINT WHERE WE HAVE TO REACH A DECISION ABOUT
CERTAIN COUNTRIES -- WHETHER OR NOT TO CUT OFF THEIR FUEL
SUPPLIES. WHEN WILL WE REACH THAT POINT? A: WELL, THE
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NON-PROLIFERATION ACT OF 1978 ALLOWS THE TWO-YEAR
TRANSITION PERIOD FOR DIPLOMACY BEFORE FUEL SUPPLY WOULD
HAVE TO BE CUT OFF TO COUNTRIES THAT HAVE UNSAFEGUARDED
FACILITIES. SO, ESSENTIALLY, TWO YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF
THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE OF THE ACT, WHICH IS MARCH 10, WE
WOULD HAVE TO CEASE EXPORT TO COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE
UNSAFEGUARDED FACILITIES, WHICH AMOUNTS TO ABOUT FIVE OR

SIX COUNTRIES.

Q: CAN YOU NAME THEM? A: INDIA, ARGENTINA, ISRAEL, EGYPT, SOUTH AFRICA. THE SIXTH CASE IS NOT A CLEAR CASE.

IT'S SPAIN. THERE'S A FOOTNOTE IN THE ARTICLE BECAUSE THERE'S ONE REACTOR -- THE VANDELLOS REACTOR -- WHICH THOUGH IT IS NOT UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS IS OWNED JOINTLY BY FRANCE -- THE PLUTONIUM GOTTEN GOES TO FRANCE SO IT'S A TECHNICAL QUESTION WHICH WAY THAT FALLS. SO IT'S PROBABLY BETTER TO CALL IT FIVE COUNTRIES. END QUOTE.

2. COPY OF INTERVIEW BEING POUCHED, ATTENTION ECONOMIC COUNSELOR. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LOU: COMMENT: THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ACT OF 1978 REQUIRES AS A CONDITION OF CONTINUING U.S. SUPPLY AFTER 24 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF ENACTMENT (MARCH 10, 1978) THAT RECIPIENT NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES HAVE ALL THEIR PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS. OUR POSITION CONTINUES TO BE THAT SPAIN DOES NOT YET MEET THIS REQUIREMENT BECAUSE THE VANDELLOS NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR, SUPPLIED AND JOINTLY OPERATED BY FRANCE, IS NOT UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS. CHRISTOPHER

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